

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

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ASSIGN TRUST TO A KEY

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.